THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Government and its field agencies, the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO), National Small Industry Corporation (NSIC), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) are providing enhanced technology support all over the country including Bihar, through their various schemes like Enterpreneurship and Management Development Programmes, financial support for acquiring ISO-9000 certification, financing through the Technology Development and Modernisation Fund of SIDBI and Equipment Leasing and Hire Purchase Scheme of NSIC, etc.

Launching of Satellites

3651. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched some Indian satellites into space;

(b) if so, the details of satellites launched by Government into space till date and the total cost involved in launching them into space, satellite wise;

(c) the number of new satellites Government propose to launch in the next fee years; and

(d) the average life of each of the satellite into the space?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of satellites launched into space till date and the total cost involved in launching, satellite-wise is given, in Annexure *[See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 89].*

(c) It is proposed to launch five eight satellites in the next few years of the 9th plan period.

(d) The actual life of each of the satellites launched so far is given in Annexure *[See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 89].*